



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Members of the School Board

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DATE: August 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Association of Alaska School Boards
2020 Core Resolutions

Memo No: SB21-036
(Work Session Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

2.0 Qargi/Community Spirit: Fostering the reclamation and recovery of the responsibility each one of us has for living the Iñupiaq values and being accountable at the personal and community levels for “walking the talk,” embodying the Qargi spirit and commitment to education.

4.0 Financial & Operational Stewardship: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

Issue Summary:

This is a work session item. This will require a vote by the Board at the next regular meeting on October 1, 2020.

The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) is soliciting resolutions, resolution amendments, and comments from local school boards for consideration at the 2020 Virtual Resolutions Committee on November 5, 2020. This will then be adopted by the membership at the virtual Delegate Assembly on November 8, 2020. These resolutions guide AASB for the coming year beginning November 9, 2020 including their advocacy in the upcoming legislative session.

Any resolutions, resolution amendments, and comments from local school boards must be submitted by October 6, 2020 by midnight. These submissions from across the state will be available for review beginning Saturday, October 17, 2020.

Given the pandemic and the AASB Board of Directors’ decision to hold a virtual annual conference and delegate assembly, AASB asks each school board to carefully review the resolutions packet and advance only those resolutions or amendments that they deem necessary. This will be the first time attempting a delegate assembly that is not in-person, and the more it is concise and straightforward, the more likely it will be successful. Nonetheless, it is critically important that the resolutions adequately cover the issues facing school boards and public education, so please think carefully about the issues facing the district and possibly others across the state.

AASB Board of Directors recommended one new resolution, *5.31 Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools* and an amendment to resolution 5.2 *Curriculum Expansion via Distance Delivery*. Other potential resolutions may include:

Revising resolution 2.48 *Raising the Cap on Carry Over of Previous Year Funding* to be more persuasive in advocating the need to raise the fund balance minimum from 10% to 15% given the uncertain financial situation all districts face regarding the pandemic, economic downturn, CARES Act funding, and state/local fiscal conditions.

Review and consideration of resolution 4.8 *Relating to Health Care Costs and Medical Insurance* to ensure the body of the resolution and the rationale are contemporary for our time.

An AASB 2020 Resolution Process and Timeline is included. New or amended resolutions must be received by AASB 20 days prior (October 6, 2020) to the November Resolution Committee meeting.

Background:

All submissions of comments, new resolutions or amended resolutions will be submitted digitally via email by October 6, 2020. Only the title and resolution are voted on by the AASB membership, not the rationale. To comment on or put forward suggested resolution changes, AASB requests your board schedule time to discuss the resolutions at a regular meeting and vote by official board action.

Two webinars were scheduled by AASB to review the Resolutions process:

Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM AST for the resolution process

Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM AST is for those who could not make the 1st webinar

If you would like to view the webinar, it is available at the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XT3L140h4cXmg-Tr8ujE1AoVHI0-SMZk/view>

Attachments:

2021 Where We Stand draft #1

2020 Table of Sunsetting Resolutions

Resolution Process and Timeline

AASB Resolutions fillable form